

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

SCOPING

CDPR Notice of Preparation Filed

On December 16, 1997, the Department of Parks and Recreation, as the lead agency pursuant to Section 15082 (*California Code of Regulations*) of the *California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines*, prepared and circulated the required "Notice of Preparation."

Notice of Intent Filed in the *Federal Register*

The formal scoping process was initiated on May 24, 1996, when the National Park Service published in the *Federal Register* its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement/ environmental impact report on a general management/general plan for Redwood National and State Parks.

Public Scoping Open Houses

Initial public scoping open houses were held in June 1996 in Brookings, Oregon, and Crescent City, Klamath, Orick, and Eureka, California, to provide input on and identify major issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement / environmental impact report. Public response from these open houses and from a mailback form in *Newsletter No. 1* were compiled, analyzed, and reported in *Newsletter No. 2*. About 120 people came to these open houses.

Newsletters

The following newsletters were sent to approximately 690 agencies, organizations, and individuals:

Newsletter No. 1 (May 1996). Contents: Planning Steps, Statements of Purpose for Redwood National & State Parks, Present Concerns (issues), Announcing Public Open Houses.

Newsletter No. 2 (February 1997). Contents: The Planning Process Moves Ahead, Planning Steps, Scoping — What Should the Planning Team Be Looking at in the Management Plan, The Alternatives, Alternatives Draft Outline.

Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began in January 1997 with a request for a list of endangered and threatened species that may be in the parks or may be affected by proposals in the plan. RNSP staff are conducting formal consultations with the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding actions that may adversely affect listed species. These actions include annual maintenance of facilities, roads, and trails; the watershed restoration program; and the construction of a proposed new trail in old-growth redwood forest. Biological assessments are either completed or in draft for each of these program areas. The Fish and Wildlife Service will receive a copy of the public draft of this joint plan for review and comment.

Determinations have not yet been made for the actions proposed in this joint management plan. However, future consultations will be initiated for entire programs such as vegetation management (including conifer cutting for prairie restoration in the Bald Hills, fire management, and exotic plant control) and trail construction. Some project level consultation will be required on individual projects within larger program areas for actions that are necessary for ongoing management of RNSP resources or to allow visitor use.

Consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service

With the listing of the coho salmon under the federal Endangered Species Act while the draft plan was in preparation, RNSP staff initiated informal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service for effects of RNSP projects on anadromous fish. NMFS staff will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan. Formal consultation has been initiated on the watershed restoration program and for breaching operations at the Redwood Creek estuary.

Consultation with the California State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

As stipulated by the October 1995 programmatic agreement among the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Park Service, consultation with the California state historic preservation officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation was initiated in May 1996 and will continue through the completion of the project. Both entities were invited to participate in the planning process, and each will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft document.

Consultation with American Indians

Consultation with American Indians was initiated in May 1996, with the mailing of letters to the Big Lagoon Rancheria, Elk Valley Rancheria, Hupa Tribe, Resighini Rancheria, Smith River Rancheria, Tolowa Nation, Trinidad Rancheria, and Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation. The letters described the planning process, invited tribal representatives to be designated as consultants to the joint plan, and announced an American Indian scoping session in June 1996. About 25 individuals attended the scoping session, including officers, members, and staff of the Yurok Tribe, Tolowa

Nation, and Hupa Tribe. The major issues raised at the scoping session included the following:

- Increased involvement of American Indians in the planning and implementation of actions that involve their ancestral lands.
- Management and protection of ethnographic sites throughout the parks should be undertaken in close coordination with the American Indian community.
- The lack of consistency of regulations between the National Park Service and the California Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the gathering of traditional materials by American Indians in the parks.

In June 1996 the National Park Service and the California Department of Parks and Recreation entered into a memorandum of understanding for government-to-government relations with the Yurok Tribe, to formalize “the process of communication for land and resources management decision making, education, planning and other government relations” at Redwood National and State Parks. As a result, the tribal heritage preservation officer of the Yurok Tribe is participating as an active consultant for the duration of the project.

Summary of Major Issues Raised During Scoping

This section includes a list of issues raised and addressed in this document. For issues raised but beyond the scope of this joint plan, see the discussion of issues beyond the scope of this joint plan in the “Introduction” section.

- type and degree of watershed restoration and management
- management of lands upstream of the parks
- Redwood Creek estuary restoration
- second-growth forest management
- restoration and management of historic prairies, oak woodlands, and forest openings
- fire management
- exotic plant management
- threatened and endangered wildlife
- management or removal of artificial impoundments

- cultural landscape identification and management
- maintenance and interpretation of historic structures
- preservation, management, interpretation, and use of archeological features and ethnographic sites
- appropriate visitor use levels in sensitive resources areas
- providing visitors with orientation and information
- interpretation of natural and cultural resources
- type, location, and management of recreational activities
- resource protection, visual quality, sanitation, safety, visitor services at Freshwater Spit
- appropriate locations and use levels of vehicles on beaches
- road use and management
- need and location for a potential primary interpretive center and other smaller centers
- need, type, and location of administrative facilities
- need and appropriate location for a destination lodge
- protection of viewsheds and scenic quality
- coordinating management plans, visitor services, and marketing efforts with local interests to enhance the economic stability of local communities and achieve mutual objectives
- need for boundary adjustments and land acquisition
- need to study and identify areas in state parks that qualify for state wilderness designation

LIST OF AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO WHOM COPIES OF THE DRAFT GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN / GENERAL PLAN / ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT / ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT WERE SENT

Federal Agencies

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Department of Agriculture
 Forest Service, Six Rivers National Forest
 Smith River National Recreation Area
Department of Commerce
 National Marine Fisheries Service
Department of the Interior
 Bureau of Indian Affairs
 Bureau of Land Management
 Bureau of Reclamation
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 U.S. Geological Survey
Department of Transportation
 Federal Highway Administration
Environmental Protection Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer of the
 Yurok Tribe
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

State Agencies

California Coastal Commission
California Department of Conservation
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Forestry
California Department of Parks and Recreation
California Department of Water Resources
California Division of Mines and Geology
California Department of Transportation
California Regional Water Quality Control
 Board
California State Clearinghouse
California State Historic Preservation Office
California State Lands Commission
California State Park and Recreation
 Commission
California Water Resources Control Board

Local Agencies

City of Arcata
City of Brookings
City of Eureka
Crescent City
Crescent City Harbor District
Curry County
Del Norte County
Gasquet Community Council
Humboldt County
Orick Community Services District

American Indian Tribes

Big Lagoon Rancheria of California
Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the
Trinidad Rancheria, California
Coast Indian Community of Yurok Indians
of the Resighini Rancheria, California
Elk Valley Rancheria of California
Hoopa Valley Tribe of the Hoopa Valley
Reservation, California
Smith River Rancheria of California
Tolowa Nation
Yurok Tribe of the Yurok Reservation,
California

Organizations

American Youth Hostels
Audubon Society
Arcata Chamber of Commerce
Brookings Chamber of Commerce
California Commercial Beach Fishing
Association
California Fisheries
California Native Plants Society

California Travel Parks Association
California Trout
Chilula Native American Heritage Committee
Del Norte County Chamber of Commerce
Del Norte County Historical Society
Fortuna Chamber of Commerce
Friends of California Parks
Friends of Del Norte County
Good Sam Club
Humboldt County Historical Society
Indian Action Council
International Trailer and Travel Club
Klamath Chamber of Commerce
League of Women Voters
McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce
Northern California Indian Development
Council
National Parks and Conservation Association
Northcoast Environmental Council
North Coast Beach Fishermen
Northern California Recreation Association
Northwest Trail Riders
Orick Chamber of Commerce
Orick Economic Development Corporation
Orick Tomorrow
Pacific Coast Federation
Redwood Empire Association
Redwood Natural History Association
Redwood Trails
Redwoods United
Requa Indian Community Association
Rogue Institute for Ecology
Save-the-Redwoods League
Sempervirens Fund
Sierra Club
Smith River Alliance
Society of American Foresters
Straight Arrow Coalition
Trinidad Chamber of Commerce
Trust for Public Lands
Weitchpec Indian Community Association
Wilderness Society
Women in Timber